

Remarks

Claims 9-13 and 21-25 have been allowed, and applicant gratefully acknowledges the examiner's assistance in allowing said claims. Claims 1-4 and 14-17 were previously canceled.


All remaining claims, namely claims 5-8 and 18-20, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,979,010 to Fielder et al. ("Fiedler") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,606,954 to Yamazaki et al. ("Yamazaki"). Examiner noted in the Final Office Action that "each of the rejected claims, including independent 5 and 18, are directed to a fuel fill system in which fuel vapor is directed at an angle in the funnel to generate a swirl component," but that the claim language does not elicit a 'swirl component.' This appears to be a suggestion from Examiner to add a swirl component to these claims. In response to the § 103 rejections and Examiners suggestion of adding a swirl component, Applicants have amended claims 5 and 18 to recite a swirl component. The added claim language for the swirl component is the same as the claim language previously added to claims 9 and 21, which were allowed after such addition. So, only a cursory review by the Examiner will be needed. Applicants submit that the swirl component is not new matter and simply places claims 5 and 18 and the dependent claims descending therefrom in a condition for allowance, making the rejections under §103(a) moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and submit that claims 5-8 and 18-20 are now allowable.

Accordingly, all claims in the application are believed to be in a condition for allowance, and a formal notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

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